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Senate Bill
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House No. HB0486 By Gunnels

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to requiring certain managed care organizations to provide access to chiropractic care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. (a) Each managed care organization which has entered into a contract with the state to provide medical care under the TennCare program, shall provide its enrollees or patients with access to chiropractic services which are within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed chiropractor. A patient or enrollee entitled to benefits under such contract shall be entitled to receive the necessary, covered chiropractic care, whether such services are performed by a duly licensed medical physician or by a duly licensed chiropractor.

(b) Any duly licensed chiropractor who is willing and able to meet the terms and conditions established by the managed care organization for designation as a preferred health care provider, shall be entitled to apply for and receive the designation as a

preferred health care provider and to participate in such plan or contract providing for services which are within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed chiropractor to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as duly licensed medical physicians.

(c) The provisions of this section shall apply to all contracts, policies or plans to which this act applies issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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